IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-10 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims 11-18.

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11. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^{1a} are independently methoxy, amino(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, guanidino(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, piperidyl(C_{3-5})alkyloxy, nitro or fluoro.

12. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 is hydrogen; optionally substituted aminocarbonyl; optionally substituted (C_{1-6})alkyl; carboxy(C_{1-4})alkyl; optionally substituted aminocarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyl; cyano(C_{1-4})alkyl; optionally substituted 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl or optionally substituted 2-oxo-oxazolidinyl(C_{1-4}alkyl).

13. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^3 is in the 3-position and the substituents at the 3- and 4-position of the piperidine ring are *cis*.

14. A compound according to claim 1 wherein A is NH and B is CO, or A is CHOH and B is CH_2.

15. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^{11} is hydrogen.

16. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^4 is (C_{5-12})alkyl, optionally substituted phenyl(C_{2-3})alkyl or optionally substituted phenyl(C_{3-4})alkenyl.

17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

18. A method of treatment of bacterial infections in mammals which method comprises the administration to a mammal in need of such treatment of an effective amount of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.